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b2 Page 31, line 16, after "credit indication" insert - code D
indicating a dedicated channel at frequency F--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims 26-28:

b3 Contd. --26. A network communication system comprising:
an upstream channel;
a plurality of remote link adapters, said plurality of remote
link adapters sharing said upstream channel; and
a server, wherein a remote link adapter transmits a credit
signal to said server upon sending a data packet, said credit
signal corresponding to a volume of data said remote link adapter
is authorized to send, said server updates said credit signal so
that said updated credit signal corresponds to said volume of data
less said data sent and said server then returns said updated
credit signal to said remote link adapter.

27. A system as in claim 26, wherein said remote link
adapter is transitioned into a non-responsive state if said server
does not receive said credit signal.

28. A network communication system comprising:
an upstream channel,